REMARKS

The Office action mailed November 9, 2004 set forth a restriction requirement alleging that

claims 1-8 were drawn to a first invention (a method for fabricating an interconnect structure),

while claims 9-17 were drawn to a second invention (an interconnect structure). Although

Applicants do not agree with this restriction requirement, to further the prosecution of this

application, Applicants hereby elect claim Group II for continued prosecution, and have canceled

claims 1-8, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 1-8 in a

divisional application.

All claims 9-17 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is

respectfully requested to pass those claims to issuance. If the Examiner believes a teleconference

will expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned

attorney at 770-933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response to

Restriction Requirement. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized

to charge any such fee to deposit account 20-0778.

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